

REMARKSClaim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 7, 19, 22, 23, 36, 37, 41, 42, 46-48, 51, 53, 54, 59, 66, 69, 70, 72-76, 91-94, 112, 113, 115 and 117-127 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 97/25051 to Turley. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are requested.

Applicants have amended the claims to recite how the molecular weights of the carbohydrates are determined. More specifically, all independent claims have been amended in the same manner as in allowable claim 128 eg. "daltons as measured using a protein standard/intrinsic viscosity." Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 7, 11, 12, 14, 19, 22, 23, 36, 37, 41, 42, 46-48, 51, 53, 54, 59, 66, 69, 70, 72-90, 91-94, 112, 113, 115 and 117-127 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turley et al (WO 97/25051 1997) as applied to claims 7, 19, 22, 23, 36, 37, 41, 42, 46-48, 51, 53, 54, 59, 66, 69, 70, 72-76, 91-94, 112, 113, 115 and 117-127 with support from Sharma et al (U.S. Patent #4,933,163, 1990) and Weitzberg et al (U.S. Patent # 5,079,260). Claims 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 19, 22, 23, 36, 37, 41, 42, 46-48, 51, 53, 54, 59, 66, 69, 70, 72-90, 91-94, 112, 113, 115, and 117-127 have been rejected under U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turley et al and further in view Taylor-McCord (U.S. Patent 5,604,200) or Gaeta et al (U.S. Patent 5,559,103, 1996). These rejections are traversed for the reasons stated above and for the reasons of record.

More specifically, all independent claims have been amended in the same manner as in allowable claim 128 eg. "daltons as measured using a protein standard/intrinsic viscosity." Accordingly, the rejections should be withdrawn.

Rejoinder of the method claims is requested.

If the present amendment does not place the application into condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at 703-205-8000.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Reg. No. 32,181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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